

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1-5, 7, 9-13 and 15 have been amended and new claims 17-20 have been added. Support for the amendment is found in the original application, in particular in the paragraph bridging pages 2-3.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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